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Gov. Daugaard asks that Flags Fly at Half Staff on Friday to Honor Former Legislator Benny Gross

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard asks that all flags in the state be flown at half staff on Friday, March 18, 2011, from 8 a.m. until sunset, in honor of former South Dakota State Rep. Benny Gross, who represented Sully County for 18 years in the Legislature.

Gross died March 11 at the age of 92.

“Benny Gross is to be commended for dedicating much of his life to public service,” Gov. Daugaard said. “I extend my condolences to his family.”

Gross, an Onida resident, served from 1969-1986 in the South Dakota House.

A funeral service is not yet planned.